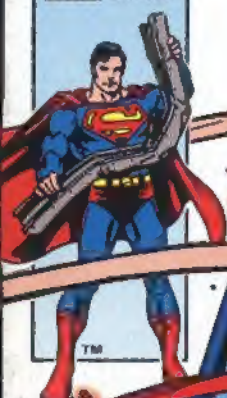




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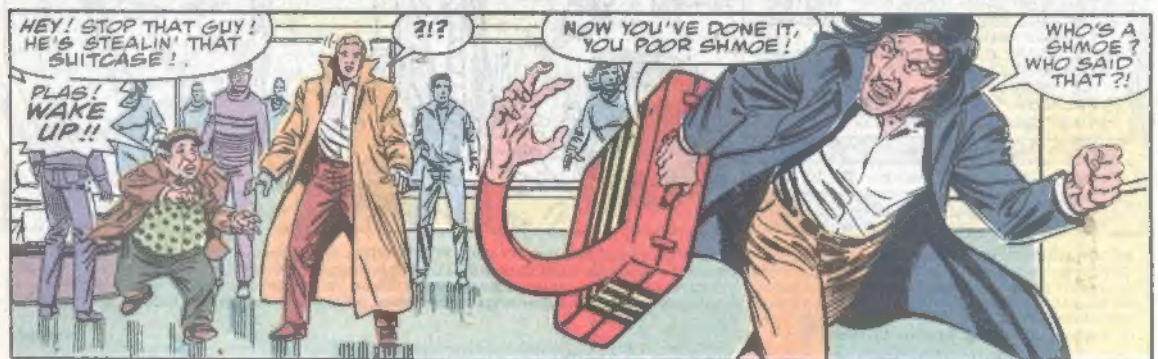
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BOMBS AWAY!

GUEST STARRING: PLASTIC MAN!

DON'T
MISS
SUPERMAN
NO. 52
IN 2
WEEKS!

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& FREEING



SUPERMAN IN "STRETCHING A POINT!"

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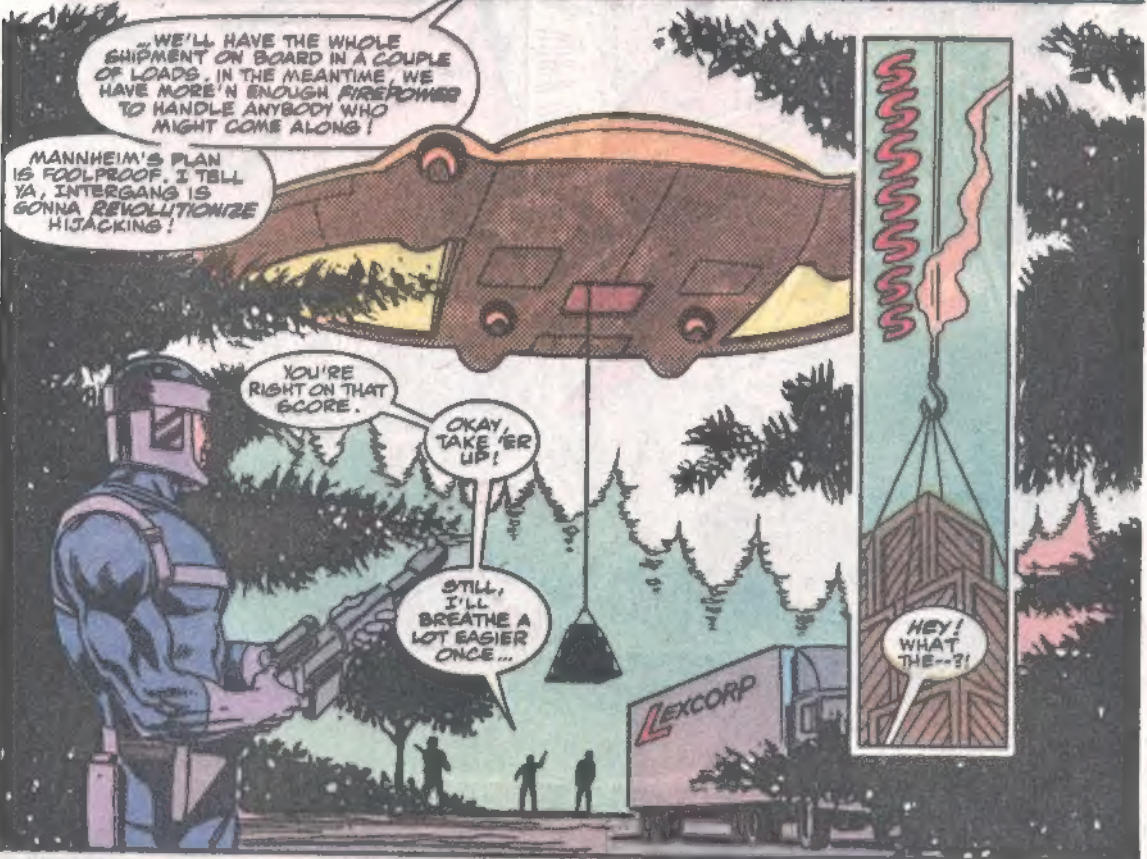
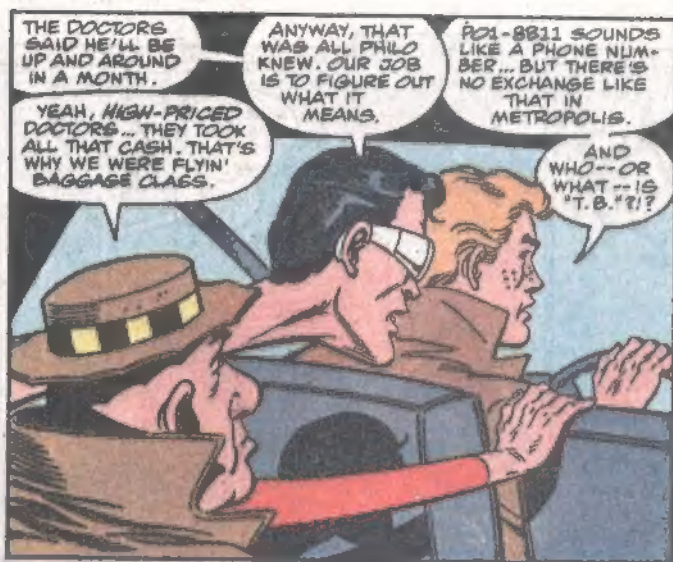
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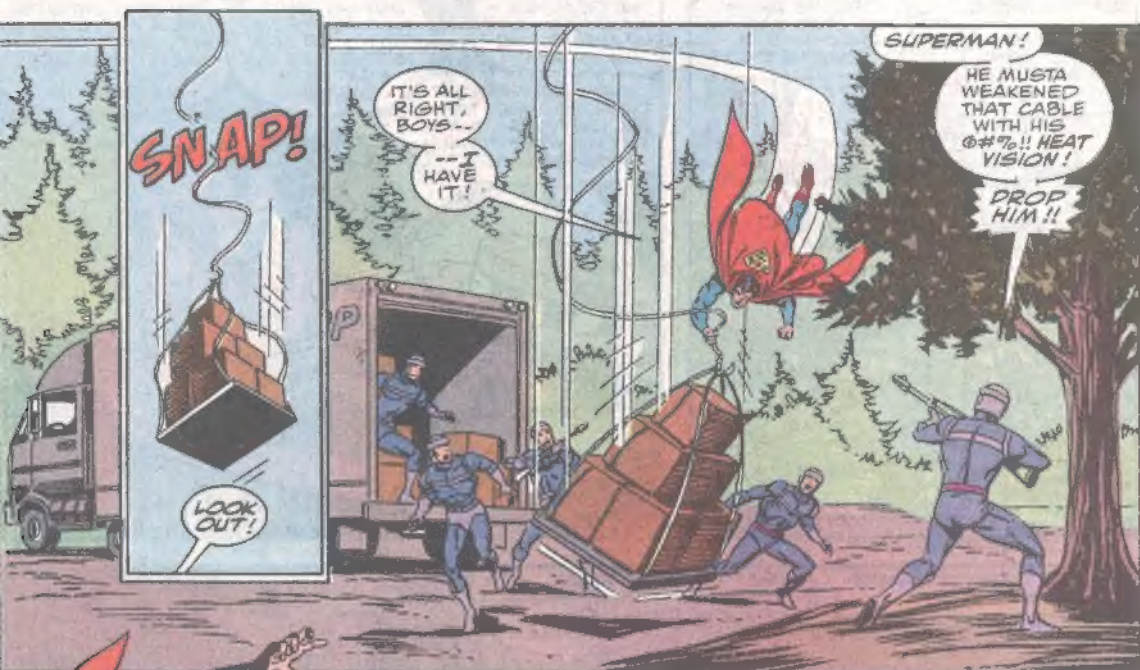
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RUNNING?

YOU DIDN'T REALLY
THINK YOU'D GET AWAY
ON FOOT, DID YOU?

WHU--!

LEGGO!
LEMMIE GO!

BE VERY CAREFUL
WHAT YOU ASK FOR
--YOU MIGHT NOT
LIKE IT!

WHUMP!

THERE, THAT
ABOUT WRAPS
THINGS UP
DOWN HERE!

AND
NOW...

ASSAULT-
5 TO BASE--
MAYDAY!

REPEAT-- MAYDAY!
WE WERE SURPRISED
IN MID-OPERATION
BY SUPERMAN!

ROGER,
ASSAULT-
5--WHAT
IS YOUR
SITUATION?

ALL BAD!
EXCEPT FOR
MY CO-PILOT,
WE'VE LOST
THE WHOLE
TEAM!

ACTUALLY,
THINGS ARE
MUCH WORSE
THAN THAT!

OH, NO.

EJECT!!



THEY WON'T GET FAR THAT WAY.

THAT LOOKS LIKE AN AUTOPILOT SETTING!

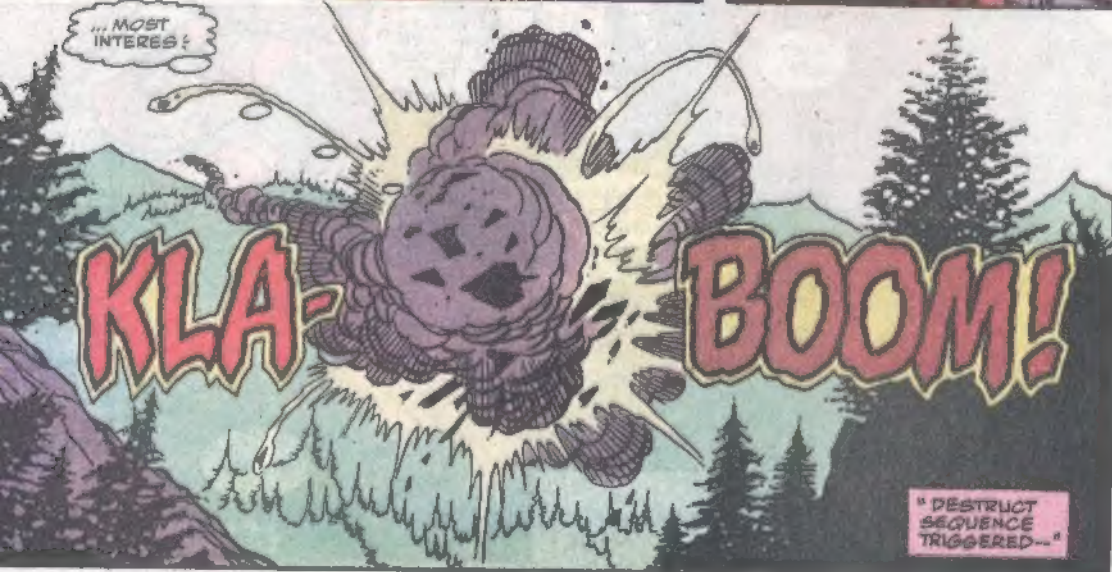


Y-E-S, AND IT APPEARS THAT THE SECURITY CODES HAVE ALREADY BEEN ENTERED!



INTERESTING...

T.B. ARRIVES TODAY 90...





--AND COMPLETED!
ASSAULT-5 TRANSPORT
IS GONE, MR.
MANNHEIM.

GOOD WORK,
TROOPER.

I DO NOT LIKE THIS, MANNY-HEIM.
IF SUPERMAN HAD GAINED ACCESS
TO OUR BULLETIN BOARD--! I
HAD IMPORTANT MEMORANDA
POSTED THERE!

NOTHING TO
WORRY ABOUT,
LELANI! HE COULDN'T
HAVE BEEN ON-LINE
LONG ENOUGH TO
HAVE LEARNED
ANYTHING.

BESIDES,
WE WON'T HAVE
TO WORRY ABOUT
HIM AGAIN! THAT
DESTRUCT SE-
QUENCE HAS THE
KICK OF A BABY
NUKE!

ARE YOU
CERTAIN OF THAT,
MANNY-HEIM ...

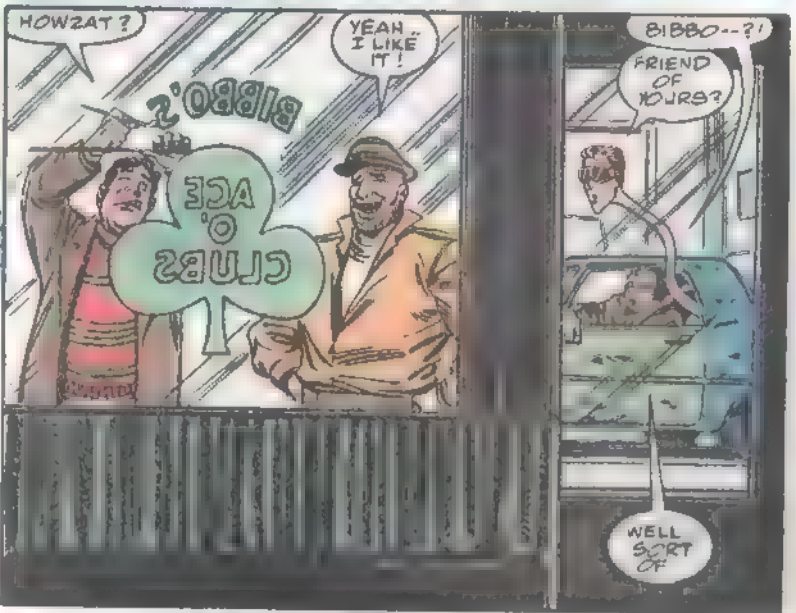
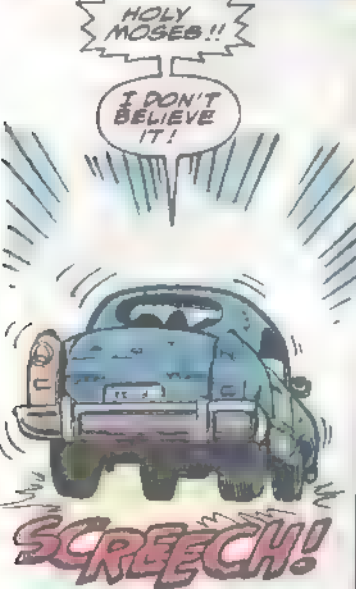
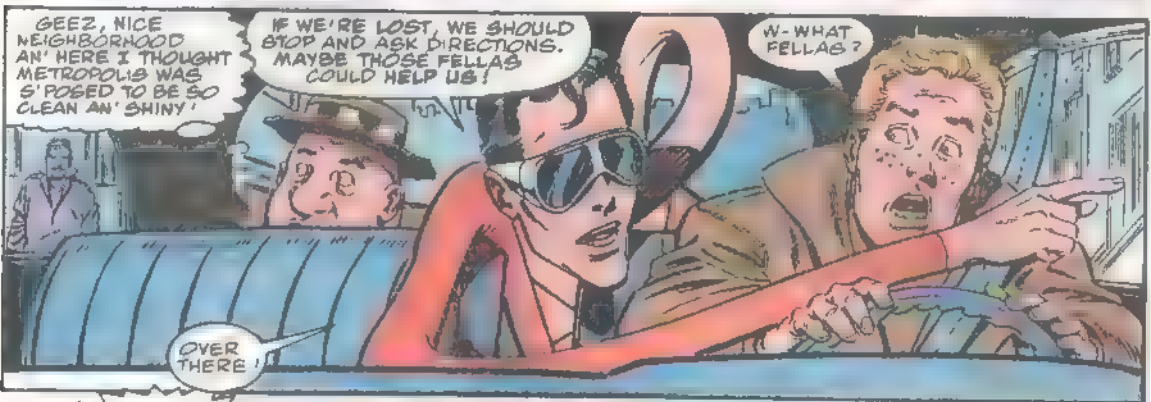
"... ARE YOU
ABSOLUTELY
CERTAIN?"

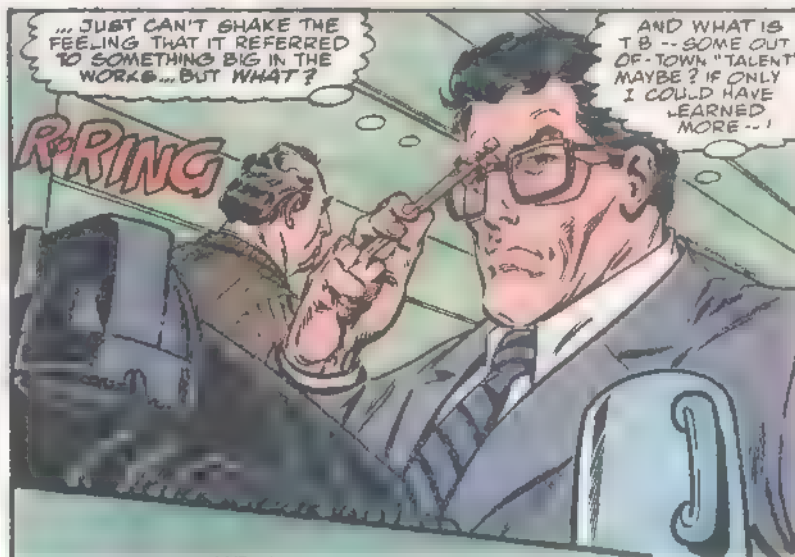
"PHEW!" THAT SHIP
WENT UP LIKE A BABY NUKE!
MUST HAVE BEEN A NON-
NUCLEAR EXPLOSION,
THOUGH-- I DIDN'T FEEL
ANY HARD RADIATION.

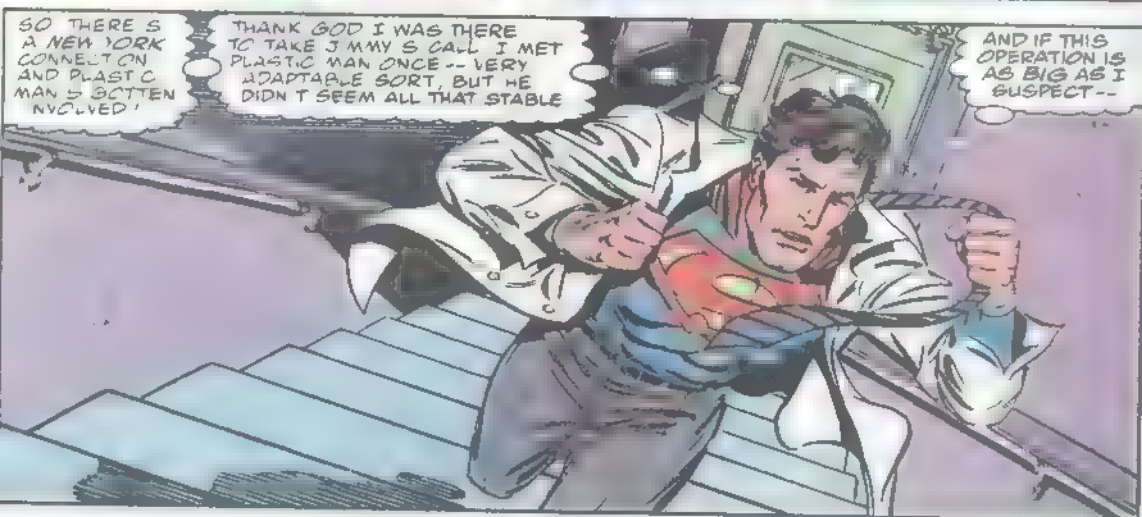
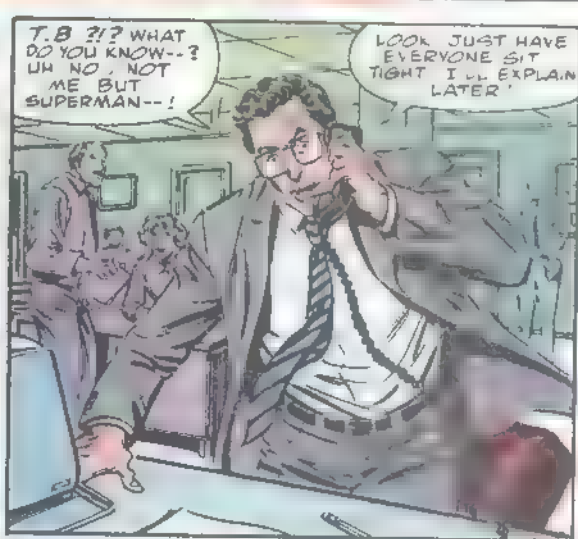
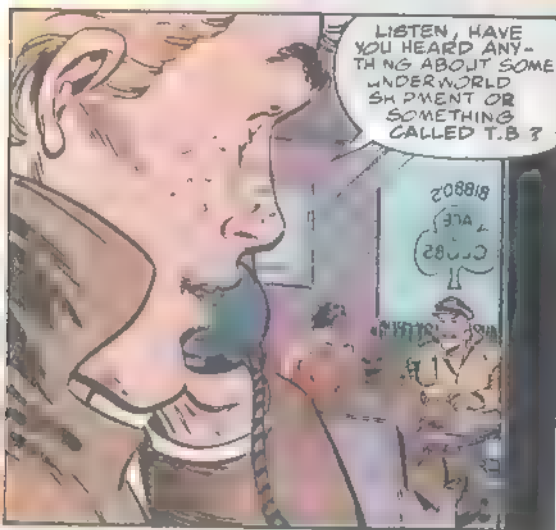
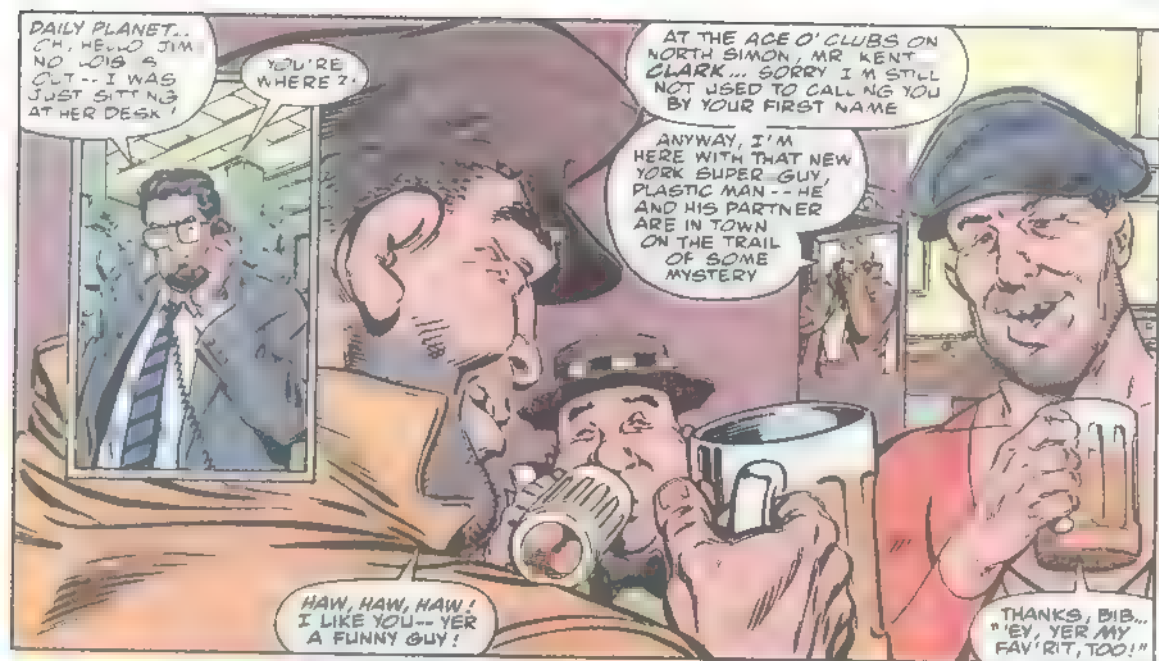
I MUST HAVE TRIPPED
SOME SORT OF FAIL-SAFE
DEVICE. TOO BAD I DIDN'T
HAVE MORE TIME TO SCOPE
OUT THEIR SYSTEMS.

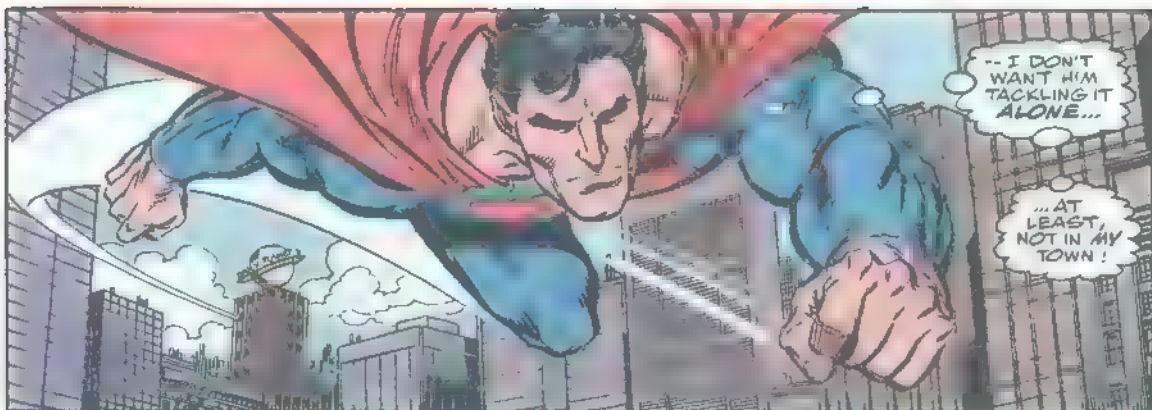
I WONDER
WHO OR WHAT
THAT T.B. IS?

"TUBERCULOSIS...
TIRED BLOOD..."



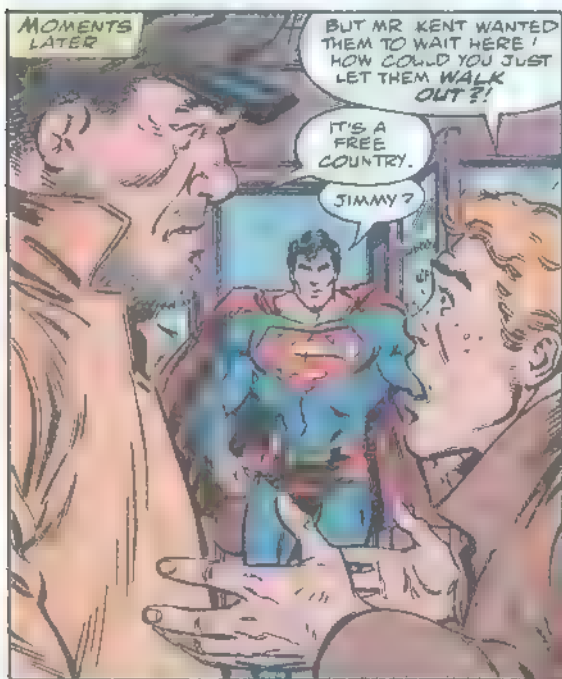






-- I DON'T WANT HIM TACKLING IT ALONE...

...AT LEAST, NOT IN MY TOWN!



MOMENTS LATER

BUT MR KENT WANTED THEM TO WAIT HERE! HOW COULD YOU JUST LET THEM WALK OUT?!

IT'S A FREE COUNTRY.

JIMMY?

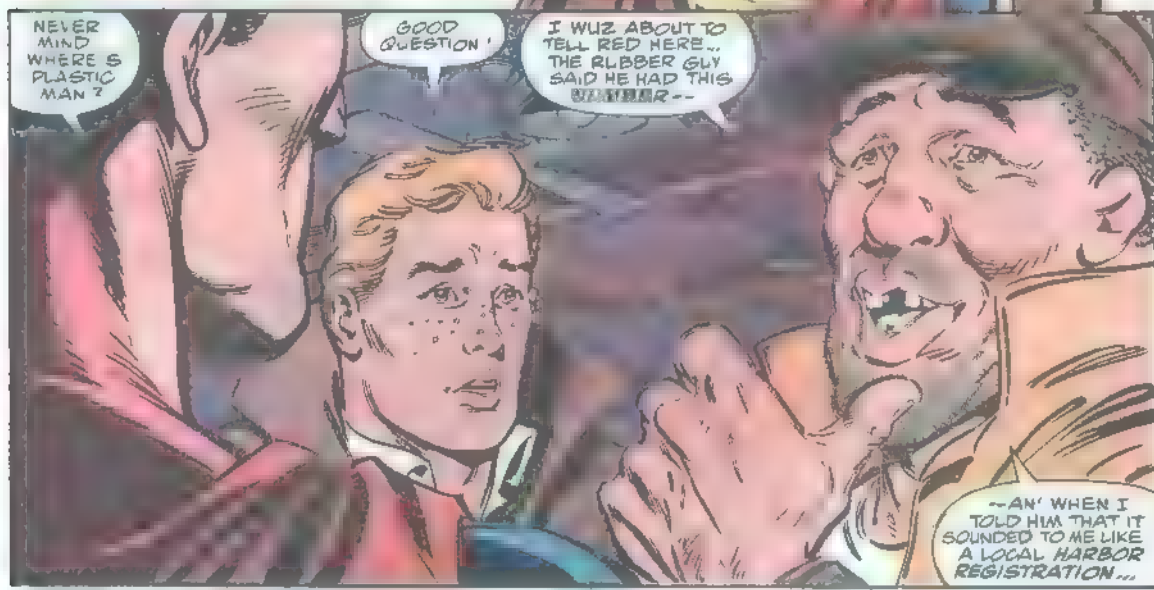


SUPERMAN! BOY, AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU! WE'VE GOT THIS MYSTERY--!

I KNOW KENT TOLD ME.

EY SOOPERMAN-- GOOD TA SEE YA! YER ALWAYS WEL-COME IN MY BAR!

YOUR BAR--?!

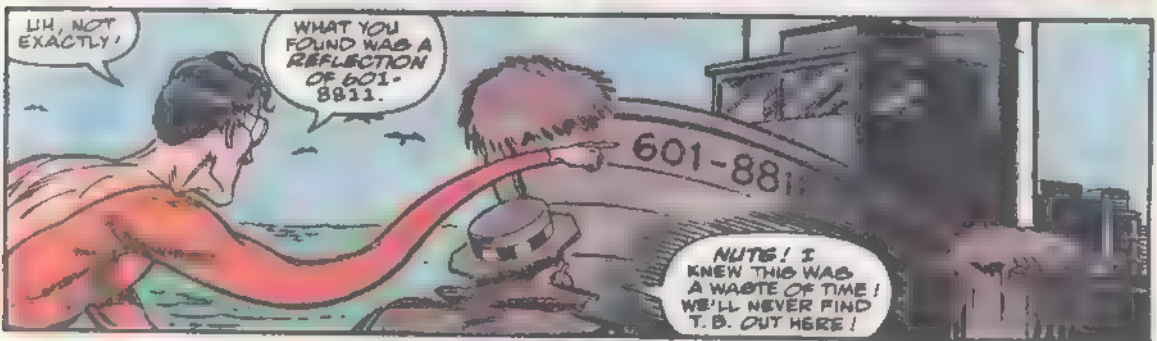
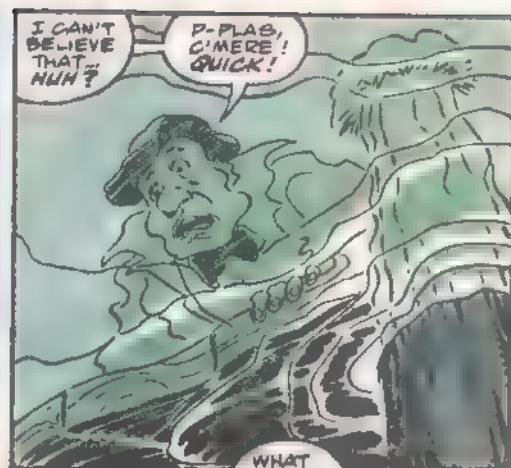


NEVER MIND WHERE'S PLASTIC MAN?

GOOD QUESTION!

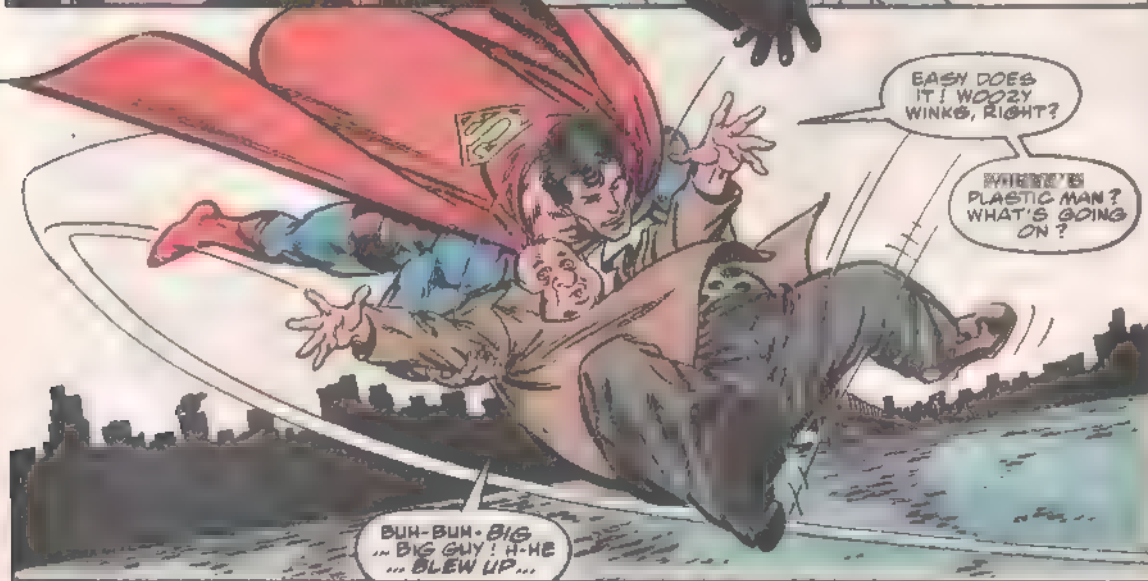
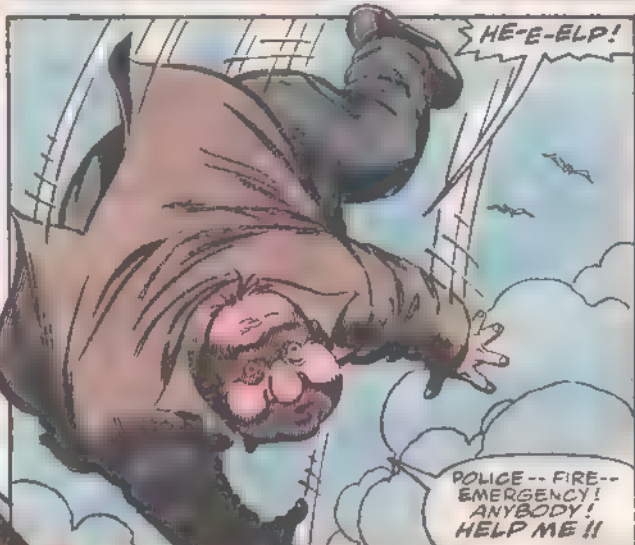
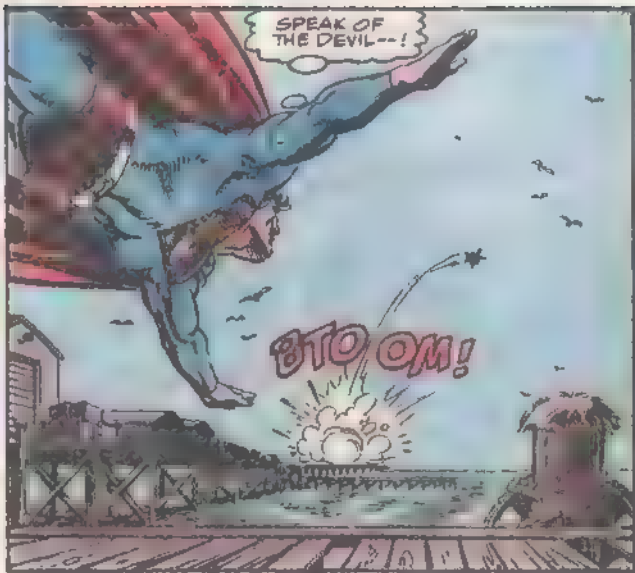
I WUZ ABOUT TO TELL RED HERE... THE RUBBER GUY SAID HE HAD THIS ~~NUMBER~~

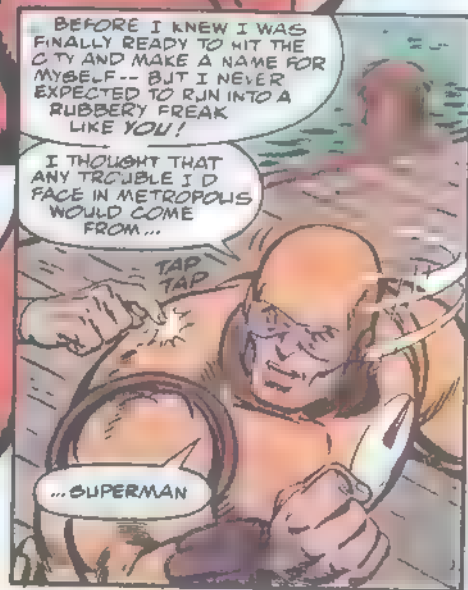
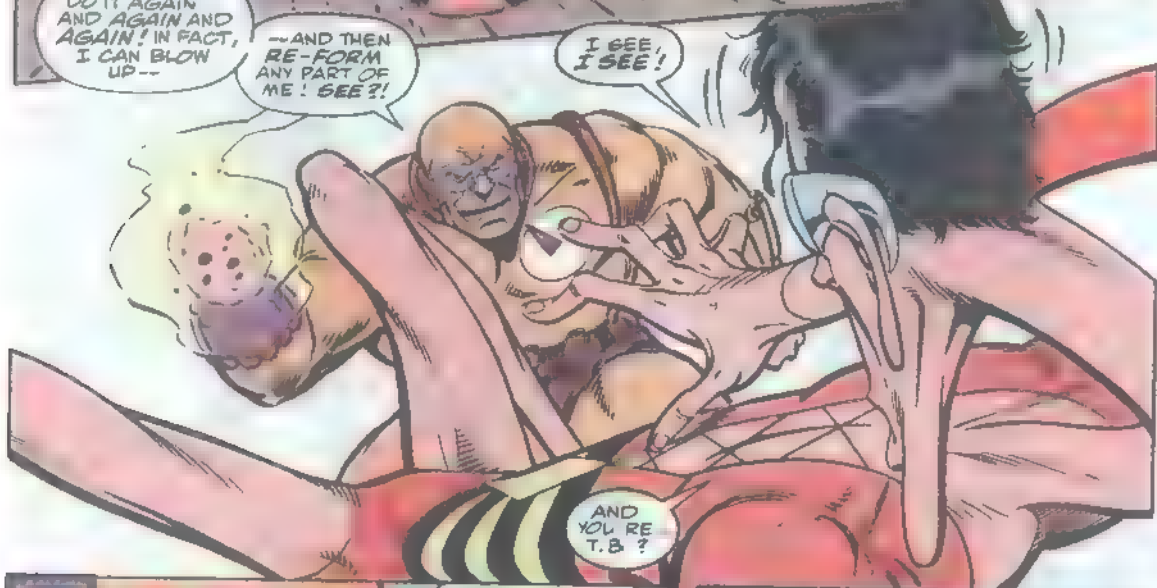
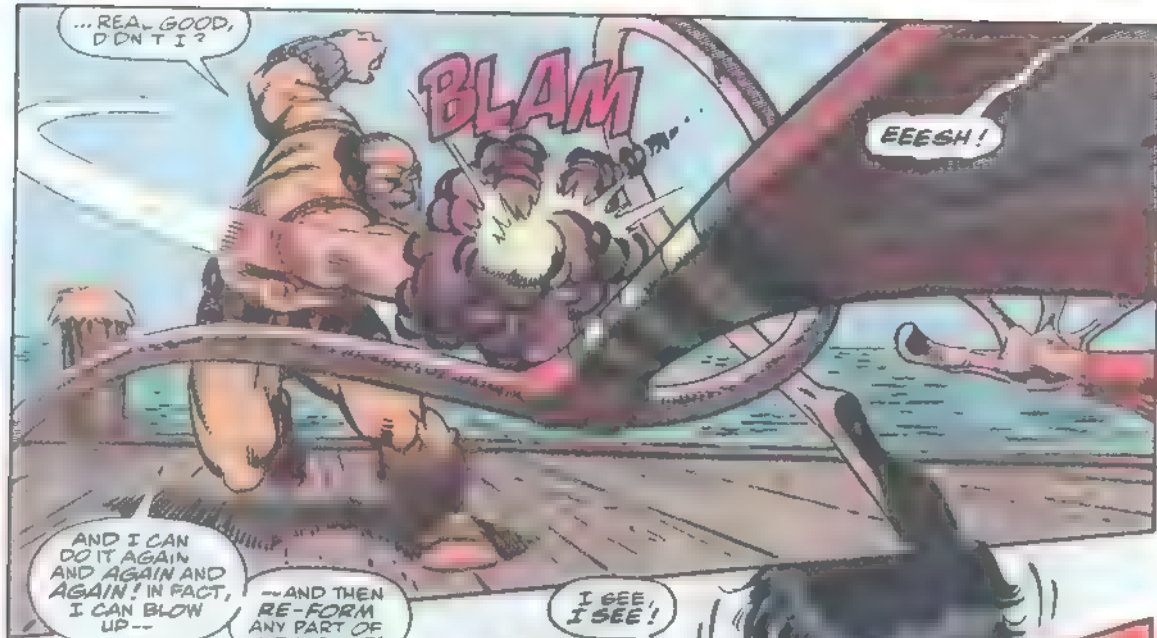
--AN' WHEN I TOLD HIM THAT IT SOUNDED TO ME LIKE A LOCAL HARBOR REGISTRATION...

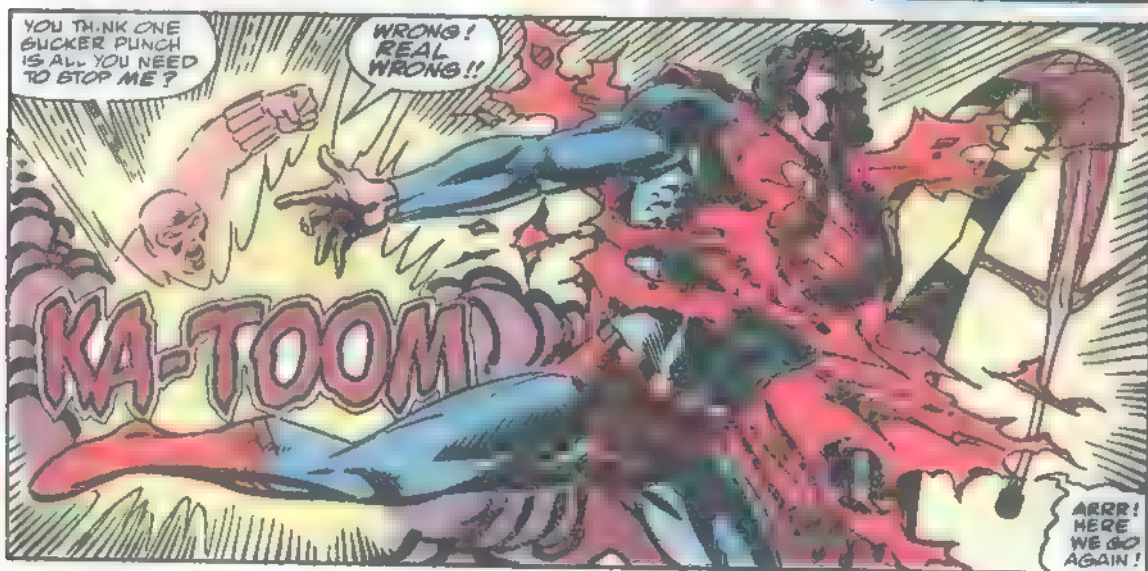
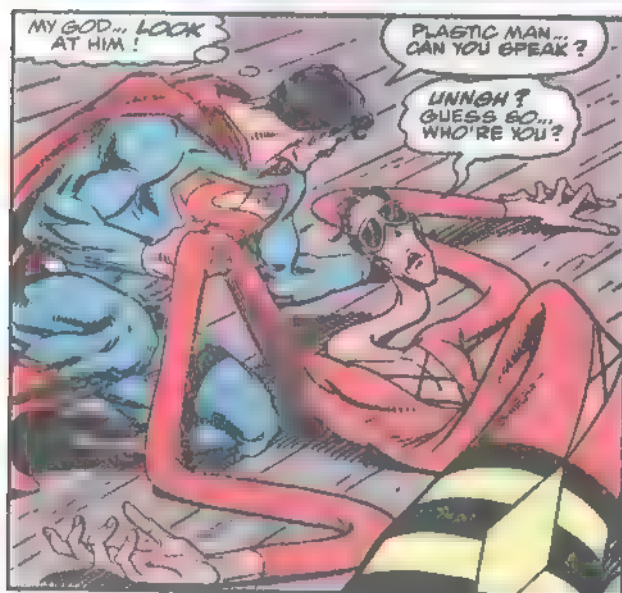
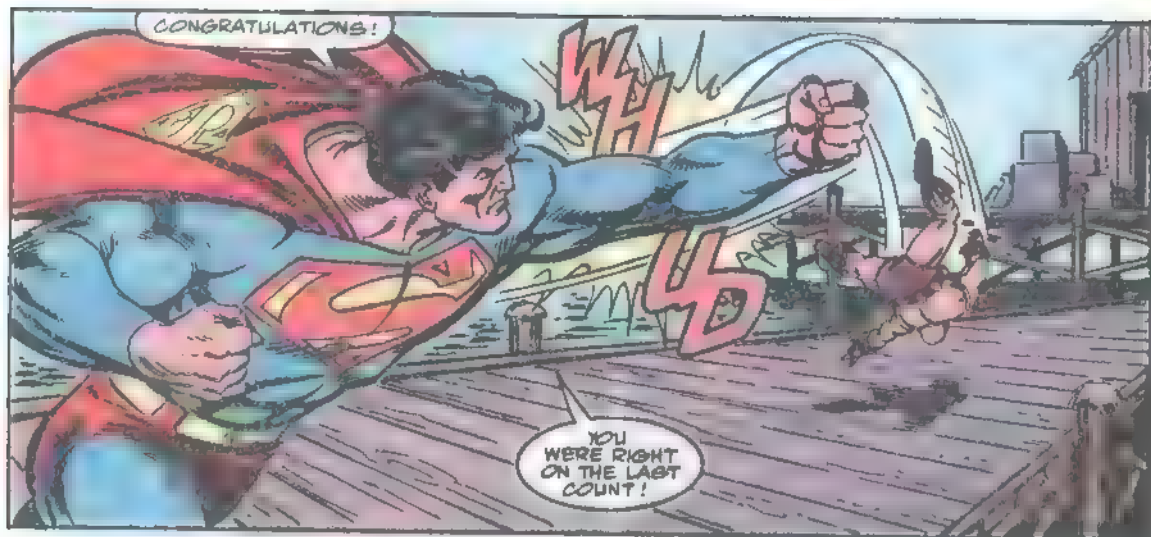


PO1-8811: THAT'S NOT A LOT TO GO ON: THE METROPOLIS PORT AUTHORITY HAS AT LEAST FIVE DIFFERENT GRADES OF REGISTRATION.

AND A THOROUGH SEARCH OF THE ENTIRE WATERFRONT COULD TAKE FOREVER-- EVEN FOR A SUPERMAN.







KNOCKED HIM
RIGHT OFF HIS
PINS! I KNEW
I COULD...

...HUH?
YOU
AGAIN?!

NOPE, ME
STILL! I MAY
TAKE A FEW
HITS--

--BUT I
ALWAYS
BOUNCE
BACK!

OKAY, FREAK--
LET'S SEE YOU
BOUNCE BACK
FROM THIS!

YEEURK!

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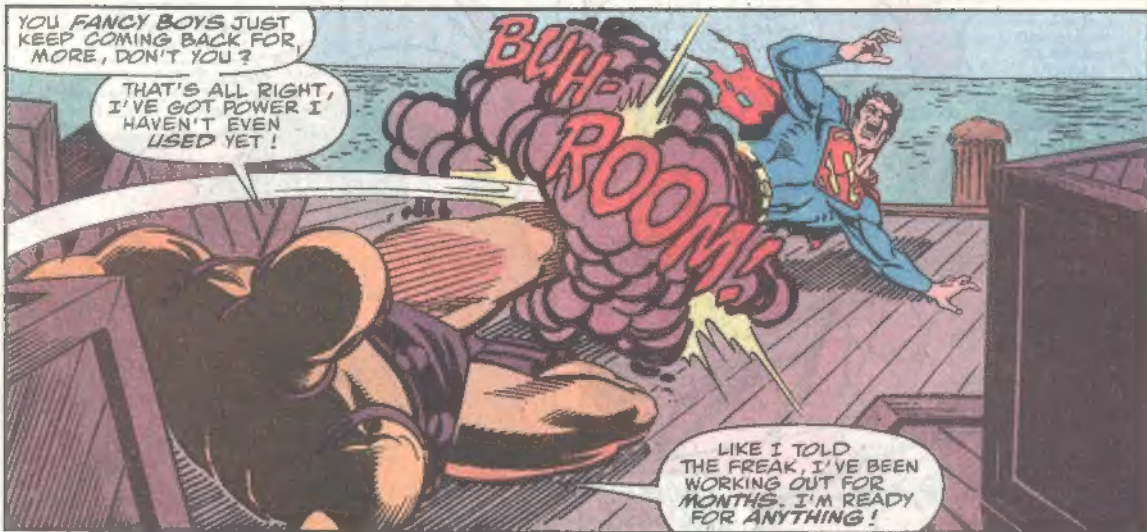
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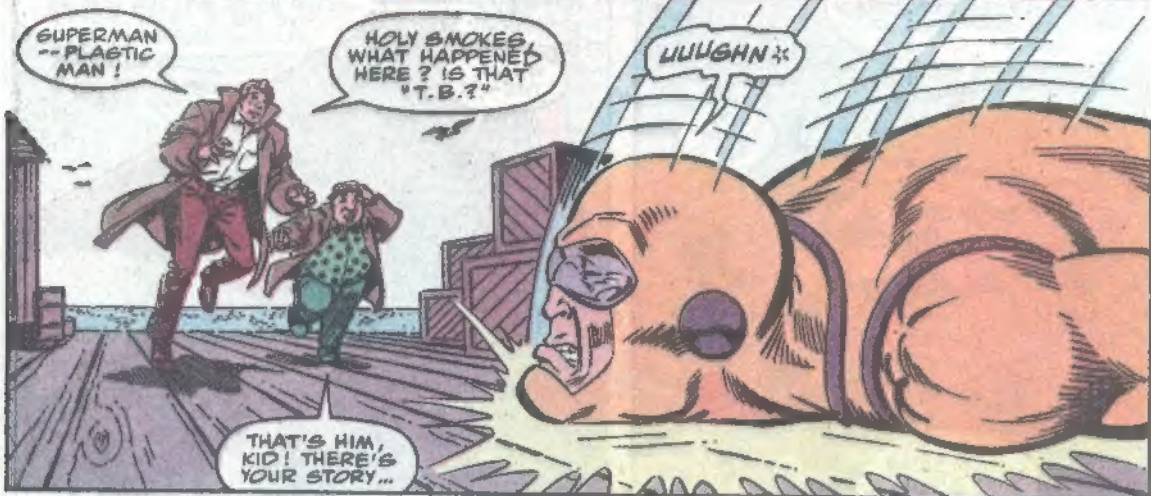
IF I DON'T GET A HIATUS
HERNIA FROM ALL THIS--!

TIME-BOMB, YOU
HAVE A LOT
MORE TO WORRY
ABOUT THAN A
SORE HAND!

GAAAGH!
MY HAND!!

I'VE BEEN
BLOWN UP TWICE
TODAY, AND I'M
GETTING A LITTLE
TIRED OF IT!







... WHAT DID THOSE NUMBERS -- 901-8811 -- HAVE TO DO WITH TIME-BOMB? HE CLAIMED TO KNOW NOTHING ABOUT INTERGANG--!

AW, THAT'S WHAT THEY ALL SAY!

BUT... IF HE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH... MAYBE THERE'S SOME OTHER T.B. OUT THERE...

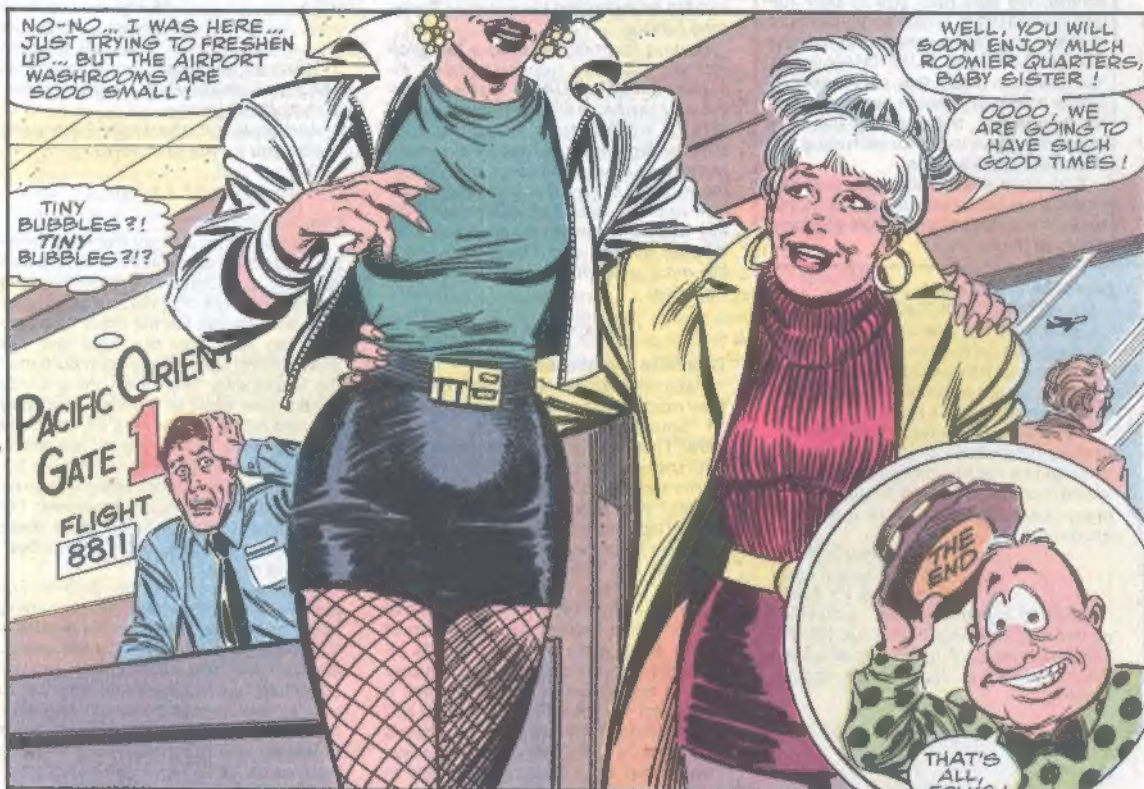
SHE LOOKS A LITTLE LIKE ME, ONLY TALLER.

LEILANI?



SWEET LEILANI, IT IS YOU!

TINY BUB-BLES! I WAS AFRAID I HAD MISSED YOU!



NO-NO... I WAS HERE... JUST TRYING TO FRESHEN UP... BUT THE AIRPORT WASHROOMS ARE SOOO SMALL!

TINY BUBBLES?! TINY BUBBLES?!!

WELL, YOU WILL SOON ENJOY MUCH ROOMIER QUARTERS, BABY SISTER!

OOOO, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE SUCH GOOD TIMES!

PACIFIC ORIENT
GATE 1
FLIGHT 8811

THE END
THAT'S ALL FOLKS!

NEXT ISSUE: THE RETURN OF SILVER BANSHEE! THE MYSTERY OF LEX LUTHOR'S WILL! AND AN HISTORIC REVELATION! DON'T MISS...

"SECRETS in the NIGHT!"